"When Koala Meets Panda" 2019 China-Australia Short Video Contest Awards announced

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SYDNEY, Jan. 20 (People's Daily Online) -- The Final Award of "When Koala Meets Panda" 2019 China-Australia Short Video Contest was revealed in Brisbane, Australia on January 15, 2020. With over 5 million views on China's social media platforms, the final award went to Michael Moryosef with his video "Kungfu Kangaroo".

The contest is hosted by the Consulate-General of The People's Republic of China In Brisbane and organized by People's Daily Online Australia. The event is supported by the China Cultural Centre in Sydney, China National Tourist Office in Sydney, People's TV, and Xiamen University. The partners include Brisbane City Council, Study Brisbane, Study Queensland, Australia-China Youth Association and so on.

"Kungfu Kangaroo"won the final award (photo by Jiancong Ren)

This contest, aiming to enhance the connections between China and Australia, invites Australian youths and Chinese international students to make videos expressing their understandings of the different cultures. From 1 August to 10 November 2019, almost 140 entries have been received on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The short videos record how participants have experienced, adapted to and embraced the cultural differences.

Reviewed by a professional judging panel formed with Australian famous TV presenters, producers, and academics, 12 Outstanding Awards works and 4 Individual Awards works were selected in December 2019.

"Best Moment Award": Jonas in China-Chinese National Day by Jonas Groom

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"Best Experience Award": Big World, Little Puppets by Timothy Grubisic, Shiyao Huang and Yingshan Chen

http://v.people.cn/n1/2019/1213/c239891-31505681.html

“Best Story Award”: Kungfu Kangaroo by Michael Moryosef

http://v.people.cn/n1/2019/1213/c239891-31505678.html

“Best Editing Award”: Hello Australia by Huang Yanan

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2019 China-Australia Short Video Contest award ceremony (Photo by Laobing)

These four Individual Awards videos were posted on the social media platforms in China and with nearly 5.3 million views, the entry “Kungfu Kangaroo” won the Most Popular in China Award. As Michael was unable to participate in the ceremony in Brisbane, his father Rami Moryosef received the award, given by Dr. Xu Jie, Consul-General of the People’s Republic of China in Brisbane and the Honourable Chief Justice Catherine Holmes, Acting Governor of Queensland.

Michael is currently almost graduated from a double Law and International Studies Degree from the University of New South Wales in Australia. He has been learning Mandarin for 18 months in Beijing. During this time, he has developed a fascination with the way in which China represents both an ancient culture and cutting-edge modernity. “The Chinese WeChat application epitomizes this combination”, he said. That is why he made this video sharing his experience with WeChat.

Michael will be invited to China for a one-week cultural experience trip. “I am absolutely thrilled to have been awarded this year's Most Popular Video. I cannot wait to return to China and continue to explore the land, eat the food, and make new friends along the way.”

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The Winner of “When Koala Meets Panda” 2018 China-Australia Short Video Contest to experience Chinese Culture in Hainan province, China
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